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Rajasthan	Jaipur
Bihar	Patna
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
Kerala	Kochi
Punjab	Amritsar
Orissa	Bhubaneshwar
Uttar Pradesh	Greater NOIDA
North Eastern Region	Guwahati

Winding up of NCTE

2814. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed on the recommendations of Sudeep Banerjee Committee, to wind up the National Council for Teacher Education, by repealing the NCTE Act, 1993; and

(b) whether Government would re-examine its proposal to wind up the NCTE, in view of the impending legislation of Right to Education Bill, which calls for additional requirement of teachers at all levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) A Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Sudeep Banerjee, the then Advisor Ministry of Human Resource Development was apponted to conduct an indepth study of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi and its Regional Offices. The Committee observed *inter-alia* that the functioning of NCTE was not commensurate with the objective of planned and coordinated development of Teacher Education and recommended that the NCTE Act, 1993 should be repealed and all regulatory functions relating to teacher education and teacher education institutions should be vested in the University system. After inter-ministerial consultations the Legislative Department under the Ministry of Law & Justice has been requested to draft the 'Repeal Bill'.

(b) There is no proposal to re-examine the decision to repeal the NCTE Act at present.

Deemed university status to private educational institutions

2815. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as an indication to increased private participation in higher education, many private educational institutions have secured deemed university status, imparting education in medical and dental sciences;

(b) whether the deemed university status has become the means for filling up the much coveted seats without having to share them with the merit pool of State entrance examinations/ tests;